

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: ...the way the bill is at that point, and when I get a chance, I will withdraw my amendment to the amendment, with the point being made hopefully and hopefully then the Chambers amendment will be voted down.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Could I also ask you to follow up on Senator Chambers' observation that you couldn't come up with a single instance of there being a problem in your own county?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Well, that's like if you ask me could I come up with a single instance of, you know, of a flooding problem in our county without going back and checking, no, I probably couldn't, but if I know, in my heart I know if I go in those small areas that, and this would be...and this amendment would be agreed to, that then there would be problems and we would have less representation. There is no question in my mind that that would take place.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Witek, Senator Bernard-Stevens,

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: At this time, I would like to withdraw my amendment to the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is withdrawn. We are then back to the Chambers amendment. Senator Chambers, I had recognized you, so go ahead.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker and members of the legislature, if this amendment is not adopted, it doesn't make me any difference. It is one of those situations which could play out in the following manner. There are certain groups known as Fundamentalists trying to take over school boards, city councils, and other positions. In one of the larger cities, Omaha, in fact, there is one guy who teaches at Bellevue College, who is trying to get a slate of these kind of people to run together so that they can take over the Omaha School Board and change its direction, and he has frankly stated that as his intent. It is Rockild, or Rockild, or something is his name. So if you are successful in putting together a slate, or if you have a political party which would manage to get the same person into several offices because nobody is paying that much attention to each individual office, that individual either